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SUBJECT; CRACK IN QUEBEC LABOR UNITY APPARENTLY WIDENING

REF; MONTREAL 862 OF 5/16/75; QUEBEC 113 OF 5/16/75

1. QUEBEC LABOR LEADER LOUIS LABERGE, IN RATIONALIZED BACK-DOWN FROM APPARENT CONFRONTATION WITH QUEBEC GOVERNMENT, SATURDAY URGED QFL CONSTRUCTION WORKERS TO RETURN TO WORK ON MONDAY, MAY 19, BECAUSE "IT WOULD BE BEST IF THE MEN WERE WORKING WHEN THE TRUSTEESHIPS ARE IMPOSED." (QUEBEC LAW IMPOSING TRUSTEESHIPS WAS PASSED FRIDAY.) IN EVIDENT CONCERN FOR APPEARANCES, HE ADDED "THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE ARE BACKING DOWN." ALL SITES EXCEPT OLYMPIC STADIUM APPEARED TO BE NORMAL YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND WORKERS ARE EXPECTED AT STADIUM ON THURSDAY.

2. COMMENT; IT IS POSSIBLE THAT LABERGE IS BEING REASONABLE AND REALISTIC IN FACE OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FIRMNESS BUT AT LEAST EQUALLY LIKELY HE IS MOTIVATED BY APPARENT LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR THE "GENERAL STRIKE" HE HAS CALLED FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 21. BOTH CANADIAN NATIONAL TRADES UNION (CNTU) AND QUEBEC TEACHERS CORPORATION (QTC) LEADERS HAVE "LEFT THE QUESTION" OF WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE TO INDIVIDUAL LOCALS

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AND THEIR MEMBERS BUT HAVE EXHIBITED NO SUPPORT FOR THE

PROJECT. MORE IMPORTANT, THE QFL MEMBERSHIP IS REPORTED TO  
BE LESS THAN HAPPY WWITH THE WHOLE IDEA AND MOST RECENT GUESS-  
TIMATES ARE THAT NO MORE THAN 100,000 WILL PARTICIPATE.  
IF SO, IT WILL BE A DAMAGING BLOW NOT ONLY TO THE CONCEPT OF  
LABOR UNITY BUT TO THE QFL LEADERSHIP/MEMBERS RELATIONSHIP.  
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